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William H. Askey

Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1919
Education: Bucknell 1941 BA; Pittsburgh 1951 JD
Began Service: June 21, 1971
Term Expires: June 20, 2007

Government: United States Commissioner (1964-1971)

Military Service: United States Army Air Force (1941-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association (Honorary); Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Lycoming Law Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association

Staff

Administrative Assistant **Mary H. Bower** (570) 323-6380
Education: Lycoming 1960 BS
Administrative Assistant **Deborah M. LeFeber** (570) 323-6380
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Number of Judgeships: 2

Court Staff

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John J. Thomas

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Dickinson 1972 JD
Began Service: January 10, 1992
Term Expires: January 10, 2006

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Pennsylvania State University (1987-1992)

Government: Public Defender, Luzerne County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1974-1985); First Assistant Public Defender, Luzerne County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1984-1985)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1972-1986); Private Practice (1986-1992)

Current Memberships: American Bar Institute; Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Richard P. Rogers** (570) 826-6336
Education: Temple 1983 JD
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Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Mary D. France

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Mary D. France

Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 3, 2003

Staff

Law Clerk **John D. Kelly** (717) 901-2846

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Number of Judgeships: 7

Areas Covered: Counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland

Court Staff

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Donetta W. Ambrose

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Duquesne 1967 BA, 1970 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania (1970); Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1971-1972)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1974); Assistant District Attorney, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1977-1981)

Judicial: Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (1982-1993)

Legal Practice: Partner, Ambrose & Ambrose (1974-1981)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Commission on Women in the Profession; Westmoreland County Bar Association; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

Staff

Law Clerk **Carolyn Allen** (412) 208-7355
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Education: Duquesne 1993 JD

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**Joy Flowers Conti**

District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1948
Education: Duquesne 1970 BA, 1973 JD
Began Service: August 30, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law (1976-1982)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Justice Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1973-1974)

Corporate: Editor-in-Chief, Duquesne Law Review; Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll (1996-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1974-1976); Partner, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1983-1996)

Current Memberships: Allegheny County Bar Association; Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Fellow; American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, Fellow; American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, Fellow; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania; American Inn of Court (Pittsburgh Chapter)

Staff

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David Stewart Cercone

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Westminster (PA) 1974 BA; Duquesne 1977 JD
Began Service: September 12, 2002

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, Robert Morris College (1993-1995)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Paul R. Zavarella, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (1978-1979)

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Allegheny County District Attorney's Office (1979-1981)

Judicial: District Justice, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1982-1985)

Staff

Courtroom Deputy Clerk **Nancy Trapani** (412) 208-7363
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